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The mane event

The Pride River Parade took place last Sunday. Over a dozen inflatables were seen on the water. A brass band played *Thriller* and a variety of other songs for the audience. See more on page 10. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

Green Burial Society seeks donations for gazebo

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society's (HHGBS) 'Welcoming Gazebo'

has been completed. With the help of sixteen students enrolled in the Timber Framing course at the Haliburton School of Art and Design that took place from July 22 to 27, the gazebo has been erected at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Algonquin Highlands. Glen

Diezel, of Diezel Woodworking, instructed the students.

The purpose of the 'Welcoming Gazebo' is to provide a covered space for families for rest and contemplation. Attendees of green burials can use the space while their loved

ones are interred. Educational signage on the ecological benefits of green burials is present within the gazebo.

The policies regarding a year round available green burial section in the St. Stephen's

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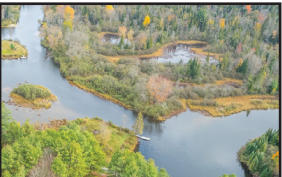
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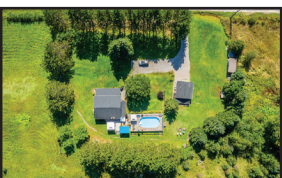
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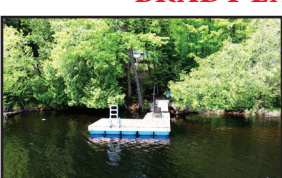
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Movie magic
Tammy Rea, Brad Brown, and Keith Stata participated in a Q&A during a special screening of *The Movie Man* on Sunday at the Highlands Cinemas.
/THOMAS SMITH Staff

VDO tournament named in memorial of Lisa Kerr

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

The Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) Charity Golf Tournament, in the name of Lisa Kerr, raised just over \$70,000 to cover operating costs to provide necessary dental care to those in need in Haliburton County.

One hundred and forty four golfers participated at Blairhampton Golf Club on Thursday, Aug. 22.

"The day went perfectly," said Loretta Kerr D'Ambrosio, VDO volunteer. "We had beautiful weather, the tournament was sponsored by many generous donors, and the silent auction was successful."

Kerr D'Ambrosio said the annual tournament has the charity's biggest fundraiser of the year for 14 years.

Her mother, Lisa, played a pivotal role each year in its success.

It was named The Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament last year after she passed away from cancer.

"Lisa Kerr was one of the founders of this charity back in 2011. Lisa spent countless hours ensuring the operation of the clinic ran smoothly," said a 2024 VDO update.

Since its opening, VDO has completed \$4,475,053 worth of dentistry free of charge to patients in need, helping 1,281 patients in Haliburton County.

The charity also travels to a small village in Honduras each

year to volunteer their dental services.

This year, the tournament boasted a putting green, closest to the pin, longest drive, closest to the keg, and a hole-in-one challenge.

The winning team scored 19 under par.

Teams enjoyed lunch following the 18 hole game and had a chance to check out the auction table.

VDO said they wouldn't be able to provide necessary care in the community without participants, donors, sponsors, and volunteers.

"Our dental team sees new patients every week, and we continue to hear testimonials from those who have nowhere else to turn to receive care."

One patient said VDO restored their confidence.

"Every one of you showed a human trait that is not readily available in the world these days. Thank you for the compassion, concern, and much needed help."

Being the recipients of the Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign this year, the \$10,000 raised allowed them to purchase new X-ray technology.

"We still see major gaps in access to dental care in our community. In a perfect world, one day, VDO will be able to wind down because the 1,200 patients who have benefited from the charity will be able to receive care at traditional clinics," said the 2024 update.

Next year, the tournament will take place on Aug. 21.

For more information about VDO, visit www.dental-outreach.com.

Winter green burials now available

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Cemetery on Buckslide Road in Algonquin Highlands has been finalized. Implementation needs approval by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario before Algonquin Highlands may sell green burial plots. The HHGBS expects that this will be approved by the spring of 2025.

The right to be buried in the green burial section at St. Stephen's will be a general right. There are 10 sections with 18 plots available each. People will not have the right to be buried in a specific predetermined plot. Plots will be assigned on an as-needed basis. This process allows the green burial section to be planted with native vegetation and allow the process of renaturalization.

This will be the first cemetery within the county to allow winter green burials. A fee will be charged when burial is required during the winter. A set fee has not been determined and will be set at a full cost recovery basis. Four communal memorialization stones will be erected throughout the site showing the interred people's names, dates of birth and dates of death.

In the Fall 2022 edition of *Forever Green*, HHGBS estimates that conventional burials cost between \$4,500 and \$18,000, cremations cost around \$2,700 to \$8,000 and green burials cost from \$2,200 to \$5,000.

While Algonquin Highlands is currently the only municipality in Haliburton County to offer green burials, there are a number of ways for people to reduce their environmental impact with their funeral service. Embalming and concrete vaults are not mandatory in many cemeteries. Biodegradable caskets are encouraged whenever possible.

The HHGBS encourages everyone to think about how they would like their remains to be treated after they pass away. It is very important to have a plan detailing your wishes to ensure that you are treated how you want it to be treated and eliminate confusions and difficult decisions for your loved ones, writes their newsletter.

The HHGBS is a registered charity. Their goal is to restore, protect, and restore the environment. They are an educational and environmental advocacy group seeking to revolutionize the funeral industry and how we think of burials. The HHGBS is seeking an additional \$6,000 before the end of this year. The total cost associated with the gazebo project is \$23,000. The Township of Algonquin Highlands has committed \$10,000 and the HHGBS has already raised \$7,000 towards their goal. For anyone interested in supporting this cause, a tax deductible donation may be sent to the HHGBS. You can support them through Canada Helps, e-transfer to hgreenburialsociety@gmail.com, or by cheque.



Addyson Parish has been soaring to new heights in track and field. She poses with her gold medal from the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championship last week. / Photos submitted

Addyson Parish wins gold at Track and Field Championship

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Addyson Parish has won gold in triple jump at the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championship this year. The championship was held in Calgary, Alberta from Aug. 9 to 11. Addyson also participated in the 4x100m relay and the 80m hurdles.

"It was wonderful. I made a bunch of new

friends from across Canada," said Addyson.

"Triple jump is my favourite," said Addyson. "I don't need to care about going right when the gun blows. The other girls are also really nice."

With runners, they leave after the race. Addyson says that one of her favourite things about triple jump is waiting for her turn. This gives her an opportunity to chat with the other athletes and make friends.

Addyson says that she would like to be in-

involved with sports in the future as a career, although she is not sure as to what part yet.

"Addyson certainly played her part with her commitment and the work ethic she brought to each practice, never sitting idle. She is a very coachable young athlete and keen to take constructive feedback," said Karen Gervais, head coach and coach of running and hurdles with the HHSS track team.

Stacey Parish, Addyson's mother, says that she is beyond proud of her daughter and that

she works very hard. She is well deserving of her accomplishments.

The Parish family would like to extend their sincerest thanks to Legion for organizing the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championship and for assisting with organizing Addyson's flight and stay in Calgary. They would like to thank Karen Gervais, Ginny Marsden, Russ Duhaime, Walter Tose and Al Hough for their involvement and support with the track team at HHSS.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- **September 12 – Regular Council Meeting**
- **September 26 – Regular Council Meeting**

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.

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MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

- *Voice of Pride*, curated by Scott Michael Walling, features artwork by emerging and established local queer artists. The exhibit is on display at the MHCC (Welch Room) until August 31. All are welcome. Admission is by donation. For more info: <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-24-63-voice-of-pride-exhibit-at-the-minden-hills-cultural-centre.aspx>
- The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is pleased to welcome back local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward with their exhibit *Burner Herzog*. The exhibit is on display until November 23. Everyone is welcome. Admission is by donation. For more info: <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-08-24-1000-Burner-Herzog-An-Exhibit-by-Gary-Blundell-and-Vict>
- Discover the site that inspired *Burner Herzog*, the exhibit by Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward, now on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. We will meet at the Gallery on September 7 (rain date September 14) for an artist talk and tour of the exhibit at 10 am, then drive separately to Deep Roots Adventure for lunch, followed by a guided hike to the Burner. Cost is \$25/person. Please email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763 x 542 for more information or to register.
- The Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Join us for daily tours and drop-in programs: Learn a new language every Wednesday morning at 11 am in the *Multilingual Schoolhouse*, visit the *Toddler Discovery Zone* on Friday, August 30 at 11 am, and learn how to Crochet a Square on Saturday, August 31 at 2 pm. Admission is by donation. For more info: <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-24-62-upcoming-programs-and-activities-at-the-minden-hills-cultural-centre-in-august.aspx>

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PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding Proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

Proposed changes are included in the following Schedules and are also available on our website.

- Schedule A Classes of Permits and Fees for Building - Short-Term Rental Fees
- Schedule C Fire
- Schedule D Cultural Centre Programs and Facilities
- Schedule F Planning Department Fees
- Schedule G Cemetery
- Schedule H Community Services Programs & Facilities
- Schedule I Environmental
- Schedule J Community Services Advertising

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From left, Tanveer Muneer, owner of Minden Pioneer and Daniel Lawrence, founder and president of Canada's 911 Ride. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



Approximately 170 motorcycle riders arrived in Minden on Friday to rest and gas up for the Canada 911 Ontario Ride.

Canada 911 Ride rumbles through Minden

by THOMAS SMITH
Editor

On Friday, Aug. 23 the Canada 911 Ontario Ride thundered through the streets of Minden. The Canada 911 Ride began in 2006 with one simple mission; to honour fallen emergency responders including police, fire, and EMS. Automated External Defibrillators are placed in the name of these fallen

heroes. “Thus reintegrating their live-saving legacy into the community,” says the Canada 911 Ride website. Since its inception the Canada 911 Ride has presented over \$1,000,000 to support Families of Fallen Emergency Service Workers, Victims of Crime, and the Mikey Network. There were 170 riders present at the Petro-Canada in Minden on Friday. The Pioneer was shut down to exclusively serve the Canada 911 riders. Owner Tanveer Muneer sup-

ported the riders with snacks. Volunteers assisted with filling the riders’ tanks. Riders also had lunch at the Tim Hortons next door. The Canada 911 Ontario Ride takes place on Aug. 24 and 25. There is an extra optional riding day on Aug. 23 called Honger’s Rolling Thunder. Honger’s Rolling Thunder pays tribute to Andrew Hong, a Toronto police officer and escort to the Canada 911 Ride who lost his life on Sept. 12, 2022.



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Possibility of third farmers' market to be revisited

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Turns out, there can be too many farmers' markets in Haliburton County.

With markets already established at Head Lake Park in Haliburton and downtown in Minden Hills, the marketplace at Abbey Gardens in Algonquin Highlands proved to be too much.

Vendors' fees have been refunded for the market days missed.

Janine Papadopoulos, the manager at Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association, said two markets proved to be enough, and the end of the third wasn't a bad thing to happen.

The reason Abbey Gardens was closed was due to a lack of vendors interested in paying more market fees and then to have to lug their setups and wares to another site. The third site proved to be a market glut for customers, too.

"The vendors that were there were losing money because they had to drive there," she said. "They had to pick the vegetables, they had to do work to get there to have not enough people show up."

Abbey Gardens drew between 25 to 100 customers.

"And that just was not enough to sustain any one of them," Papadopoulos said.

Labour costs and other behind the scene expenses were factors in its cancellation.

The association's board members decided to close the Abbey Gardens market and to revisit the decision over the winter, looking ahead to next summer.

"The real question is do we need three markets in Haliburton County because of economic times?" she said. "The market in Haliburton does really well. The market in Minden does really well."

The third market prospered when it was held in Carnarvon. The market was then moved to Stanhope and didn't do well there. Just as the third site started to pick up momentum, the



The Haliburton County Farmers' Market has been operating out of Minden and Haliburton for most of summer following the closure of the Abbey Gardens location. /FILE

market was moved to Abbey Gardens and fell out of favour.

"So there was no consistency for that market to have a clear following," Papadopoulos said.

The Minden and Haliburton locations enjoy a visibility that doesn't come with other sites, she said. The lack of patrons

disappointed vendors.

"I don't think it was a bad thing," she said. "Now the board has to sit down and think, unless we have a good location, do we need a third market?"

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Stata's silver screens

THE FILM festival circuit seems to have played its course for *The Movie Man*. On Sunday, Aug. 25 I had the opportunity to attend a special screening of *The Movie Man* organized by Tammy Rea. Keith Stata, the star of *The Movie Man* and Brad Brown, a camera operator involved with the film were present for a Q&A afterwards.

The Movie Man is a delightful tale of determination, resiliency, and a love of the silver screen. Stata's love of film started at a young age after watching *The Time Machine* (1960). Throughout *The Movie Man*, clips from Stata's own film recordings are sprinkled throughout. A science fiction film, made by Stata, stars teens from the local high school. Clips from Stata's own movie shows Stata's characters in sparkling spandex and capes. Photos from Stata's childhood, adolescence, and adulthood provide the audience with a visual timeline of Stata's life. Jumping to the present day, the camera follows Stata around Kinmount.

He is shown as an active and connected member of the Kinmount community. This is community Stata serves. He gains great joy in entertaining folks, whether local or from out of town.

The film sneaks up on you and tugs on your heart strings. Often, I found myself tearing up. Stata's message of believing in yourself and striving towards your goals hit me hard. As a young professional gaining their footing in the world, it served as a reminder to pursue creative interests outside of work.

Highlands Cinemas is home to over 40 cats, including the world famous Gumpy cat. In March of this year I adopted a three year old cat named Sunny. I understand how Stata has fallen in love with so many cats. In the film, Stata even says that he is

more concerned with the wellbeing of the cats at Highlands Cinema than he is with the longevity of the Highlands Cinemas. I would salt the earth and burn every bridge I have to ensure the well-being of my cat.

The Q&A period was something very special. During it, Stata was excited to share some history about the theatre. The Egyptian pharaoh wall decorations were actually made from Eaton's underwear models from Toronto. In another theatre, the ceiling is made from a satellite dish he repurposed because anything else was too costly. The first few rows of seats in theatre 5 came from a pornographic theatre in the USA. (Thankfully, Stata ensured they were cleaned by

his staff). The movie's theme "Stranger in a Strange Land" by Leon Russell was heard by the director while driving in the area and listening to Canoe FM. All of the decorations and pieces throughout the theatre and museum tell a story. *The Movie Man* lets Stata tell his own story. To explain himself, ex-



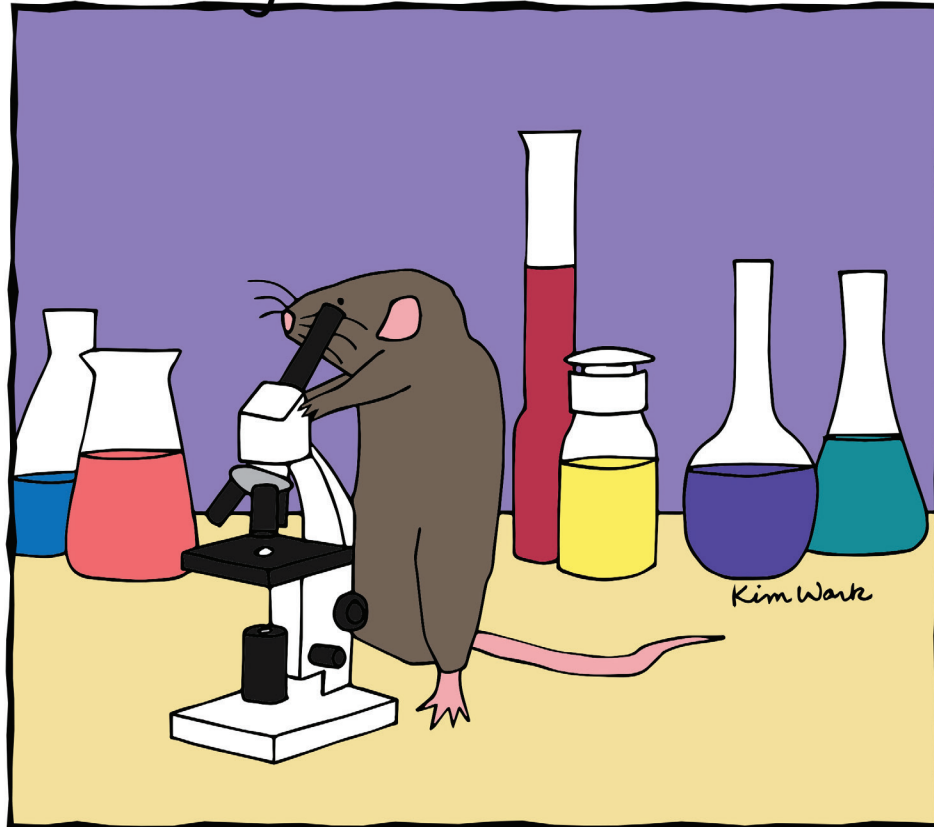
THOMAS SMITH
Editor

plain why the theatre exists, and why it is important to the community. Rea and Brown both shared their stories of being kicked out of the Highlands Cinemas. Audience members shared their stories and their love of this cinema Stata has built from the ground up. One audience member even realized that him and his partner appeared in the film, now immortalized forever.

I hope that *The Movie Man* remains a yearly feature at the Highlands Cinemas. I look forward to watching it again as I write this editorial. I want to sit down and talk with Stata on film for hours, if able.

The Movie Man is a must watch for you. If we are lucky enough, *The Movie Man* will return to Highlands Cinemas. For now, *The Movie Man* can be watched using Hollywood Suite through Prime Video.

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A little manners

ON SATURDAY morning, I took a fellow from work out in my boat.

The idea was to fish together, and get to know each other, outside of a working environment. This, I hoped, would allow that person to better know who he was dealing with, and cause him to lower his expectations accordingly.

As much as it grieves me to say, however, the man lacked basic angling manners.

We were not out on the water for more than two minutes when he caught the biggest fish of the day.

Needless to say, as host, this put me in an extremely awkward position.

You see, I have always made it a point that when a guest catches the biggest fish of the day, I try not to top it. Give them all the glory, I say.

As you might imagine, this is a difficult thing for a man of my angling abilities to do. Not to brag, but I happen to be one of those people who is a big fish magnet – which is why I think it is unfair to fish for steelhead. Fish practically shoulder each other out of the way to get to whatever fly I offer.

I'll admit, it required some effort to hold the giants of that lake off for even a few minutes. It took, I daresay, real angling know-how to elude the dozens of record-class fish that were so desperate to meet me. Not to brag, but I make it look easy.

Ask anyone who has ever fished with me.

Nevertheless, since my "fishing buddy" caught that big fish so early, I had my work cut out for me. So, I focused on a

strategy built around me only targeting the puniest fish in the lake for the next five hours.

Of course, my "fishing buddy" was unaware that this was an intentional effort, which is perhaps why he said hurtful and insensitive things about my angling ability and the fish I caught. The first part didn't bother me. I get insensitive comments about my angling ability all the time. But I did feel sorry for those tiny fish, many of whom I've formed personal relationships with after several meetings.

By about the third hour of not catching a bigger fish than my "fishing buddy", I was concerned that I was about to slip up and catch a real lunger. Which should explain why I wrapped myself in fly line for the next fifteen minutes or so. And why, immediately after extricating myself, I then cast my fly high up in a branch which overhung prime water and swore like a sailor.

I am nothing, if not a gentleman.

My "fishing buddy," on the other hand, bereft of any semblance of angling etiquette, continued in earnest to attempt to catch an even bigger fish. Thankfully, he failed. Otherwise, I would have had to try even harder not to top him.

In the end, I guess it worked out as planned. I did not catch a fish even half the size of the big one my "fishing buddy" caught. Yet, not once did he express appreciation for my efforts not to outdo him. Like I said, no basic angling manners.

Despite all this, I believe the trip was a resounding success. Which is to say, I'm fairly certain, his expectations are now seriously lowered.



STEVE GALEA
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Watch out for scams

ANECDOTALLY, I'VE been hearing about a number of people in the Haliburton Highlands falling victim to scammers pretending to be Bell Canada, among other companies. So, here is a refresher on scams, how you can protect yourself from scammers, and what to do if you do become the victim of a scam.

According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) website, as of June 30 of this year 15,941 Canadians have been victims of fraud, and \$284 million has been lost to fraud. Scams can occur in a number of ways including over the phone, in-person, via email, over text and direct messaging services like Facebook messenger, through fake ads on websites, and on social media.

One type of scam that has been on the rise, according to the CAFC, is service scams. One type of service scam involves the scammer pretending to be from a telecommunications company. Of course, in Canada there are only a handful to choose from, so the probability of the scammer choosing the one that you are subscribed to is pretty good. From there, the scammer uses the promise of discounts far below market value or some urgent matter regarding your account to entice you to hand over your personal information, which they then use to access things like your banking and other important accounts.



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Humans and Technology

These service scams can reach you through telemarketing calls, door-to-door salespeople, emails, and fake ads on websites or social media, and there are ways to protect yourself in each of these instances.

Telemarketing scams can be very difficult to discern from actual sales calls. According to GetCybersafe.ca some tell-tale signs include poor call audio with lots of background noise, the caller pressuring you to provide sensitive personal information, or the caller becoming agitated and unprofessional over the phone. When you get a call from a telemarketer (say, from a telecom company) don't be afraid to ask them to send you the information they want to discuss via email so you can read and understand it, and to provide you with a reference number so you can call the company back. When calling a company back, be sure to use the contact information from the company's official website.

Beware when googling company information, scammers often take out fake ads impersonating well-known companies. These ads are often purchased and served up even on legitimate websites via an ad exchange, and can even show up in search results. Reputable websites using ad exchanges to generate revenue often have no idea what ads are being served up on their sites. While many ad networks have anti-fraud policies, a fraudulent ad only needs to run for a short period of time to hook a lot of victims. Generally speaking, it's best to just not click on ads at all. Again, if it's a legitimate promotion from a company, you're much safer to visit the company's website directly.

The Competition Bureau for Canada offers advice on what to do if you encounter someone selling a service door-to-door. They suggest asking to see the company issued ID of the person who has knocked on your door and taking note of their name. They also recommend never signing anything right away, researching before you make any decisions, and never sharing any personal information. Never leave a stranger unattended in your home.

Some general things you can keep in mind to avoid being the victim of a scam are:

If the offer is too good to be true, it likely is.

If the person is pressuring you into making a decision or creating a sense of urgency, it could very well be a scam.

If you don't recognize the number, don't answer – if it's important they'll leave a voicemail or contact you by some other means.

Never be afraid to say no – "No." is a complete sentence and it's not impolite to leave it at that.

Don't ever let someone onto your computer, whether in person or remotely, unless they are someone you know and trust.

Scammers are good at what they do, and often only need a moment of inattention to succeed in defrauding someone. Anyone can get scammed. So, if you are scammed, make sure you contact your bank, change your passwords to any affected accounts, and report the scam to the local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. If you let someone on your computer, you may need professional help to ensure any malicious software that may have been installed is cleaned off.

Scammers also rely on our embarrassed silence to keep their scams working, so warning your friends and loved ones to keep them safe helps too. As a community, we're stronger and more resilient against these kinds of things than we are alone.

Minden Memories



A photo of two residents fishing in front of Rackety Slide. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

letters to the editor

Congratulations to Fay Martin

To the Editor,

Please congratulate Fay Martin on an excellent article in Saturday's *Toronto Star* on housing in Haliburton and the efforts of 'Places For People.' It stressed that housing is an issue in communities such as Haliburton as well as in the cities.

To have this in a newspaper with the cover-

age of the Saturday *Toronto Star* will help get the word out that we also need to consider housing as an urgent need.

Way to go Fay.

Jim and Marilyn Frost
Haliburton

HCPL's Book of the Week



Theresa Bateman, a struggling junior art historian in Toronto, has received a single tarot card in the mail. The image is unmistakably the work of celebrated avant-garde artist Lark Ringold, and its discovery would mean a breakthrough in Theresa's career. But the legendary Ringold Tarot doesn't exist ... Its paintings were lost in a fire that claimed Lark's life along with dozens of others – the final, horrific implosion of a notorious cult called the Shown.

Why was the tarot card sent to Theresa? How can she prove its connection to Ringold when her art-world superiors declare it a fake? And who has been holding onto it for all these years – and why? As Theresa follows the trail of the lost tarot, she is drawn into a startling web of passion, violence and deceit.

The Lost Tarot by Sarah Henstra is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

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Gull Lake Rock the Dock in support of Minden Community Food Centre.

When: Sunday, Sept. 1 from 2 to 5 p.m..

Where: The host cottage is located across the Lake from Kilcoo Camp.

In conjunction with the food centre team we are raising money and taking food donations.

Minden & District Horticultural
When: Tuesday, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Minden Community Center,
55 Parkside St. Minden

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., speaker will start at

7 p.m. Hazel and Joe Cook will be discussing 'Beekeepers from a Gardener's Perspective.'

Followed by the monthly society meeting. The Junior Members Program will meet at the Minden Community Center from 6 to 7 p.m. The Junior Members program is for children in Gr. 2 or higher that want to explore their interest in all things that grow

FOHCPL Café - A Conversation with Bernie Nicholls

When: Monday, Sept.9, 1 p.m.

Where: Minden Hills Branch, Haliburton County Public Library, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library present "A Conversation with Bernie Nicholls." Join local author Janet Trull in conversation with Bernie Nicholls, retired NHL player and author of "From Flood Lights to Bright Lights." Bernie will share his story, growing up in

West Guilford, his life as an NHL player and his work with the Bernie Nicholls Foundation. Signed copies of Bernie's book will be available for \$20. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is by donation. Have a question, contact Penni at 705-286-3276

Family Community Day

When: Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Kinark Outdoor Centre 1766 Queens
Line Road Minden, ON

This free outdoor event is open to all families and community members and will showcase the wide range of programming available for children and youth with complex needs and their families. Outdoor rock wall climbing, archery, canoeing, and pedal boating in the morning, followed by a delicious BBQ lunch on the main field. The afternoon will offer time at the waterfront: canoeing or pedal boarding, tie dying. Participants are asked to dress for the weather and to bring closed toed shoes and a water bottle. Pre-registration is required for this event. Contact Elisha Weiss at elisha.weiss@kinark.on.ca or 705-320-0045 with any questions or to confirm your registration.

**Haliburton County Historical Society
Annual Pork Roast Dinner**

When: Saturday, Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Stanhope Firefighters Hall, 1123 Northshore Road

\$30 per person. For tickets call 705-754-0427



Labour Day Weekend events around the county

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Another summer has come and gone in the blink of an eye. Days without the routine of school are coming to an end as classes start next Tuesday, but the summer still has one last hurrah.

Visitors and residents alike won't want to miss all the county has to offer over Labour Day weekend.

Here's a lineup of familiar favourites and new events to check out for a full weekend of fun.

Art galleries

In the Highlands, we're lucky to have a thriving arts community, including being the home to many visual artists.

As a result, we have abounding art galleries around the county to house the work of artists close to home and from afar.

At The Space in Haliburton, catch the last few days of Back to the Garden, an exhibit of paintings by Rose Pearson, ceramics by Rhonda Uppington, prints by Lydia Uppington, and florals by Dianne Pearson-Collins.

The Space is located at 173 Highland Street Unit B, and the exhibition ends on Aug. 31.

One street over at Rails End Gallery, explore the paintings of Corynn Kokolakis in M(y)otherwork.

"Her paintings are a poignant exploration of identity and belonging, inviting participants to confront societal constructs around care-giving and celebrate the richness of human diversity."

Rails End Gallery is located at 23 York Street in Haliburton, and M(y)otherwork runs until Sept. 7.

Over in Minden, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery artists Gary

Blundell and Victoria Ward's exhibit, Burner Herzog, is on display. See page 4 of this week's *County Life* for more information.

Live music

This weekend has an extensive lineup of live music at various venues in every corner of Haliburton County.

On Friday, Aug. 30, Erin Blackstone will perform at Smoke on the Water on Kennis Lake starting at 5 p.m.

North of Seven will be at the Minden Fairgrounds from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thom Lambert will perform at Haliburton Highlands Brewing's new backyard space in Carnarvon from 7 to 9 p.m.

Lastly, Band of Last Resort will perform at Hollow Valley Resort in Dorset starting at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 31, the Big Shiny Goons will be at the Rockcliffe in Moore Falls.

Will Surphlis will perform at Smoke on the Water on Kennis Lake starting at 12 p.m., and will then head over to the Bushkung Smokehouse at Haliburton Forest at 6 p.m.

Gord Kidd and Friends play at the Dominion Hotel in Minden starting at 6 p.m.

As part of the Haliburton County Folk Society's summer lineup, the grievous Angels play at the Logging Museum at Haliburton Forest from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. as a fundraiser for Places for People. See page 17 of this week's *County Life* for more information.

Lastly, Bill Black will perform at Sir Sam's Inn and Spa from 8 to 10 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, Cam Galloway is set to perform at Hook, Line & Sink for brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Loney, Love, and Love will perform at Haliburton Highlands Brewing from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mixed Bag will perform at the Dominion Hotel at 5 p.m.

Kinmount Fair

One of the county's most renowned events returns this weekend: the Kinmount Fair.

Head over to the Kinmount Fairgrounds all weekend for live entertainment, rides, vendors, Highland Games, tractor and truck pulls, horse shows, demolition derbies, yummy food, and so much more.

Read page 5 of this week's *County Life* for information about this year's Warriors' Day Parade.

Bonnie View Inn

The Bonnie View Inn is hosting a celebration for their 100th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 1.

The Ya Babys will perform on the dockside patio, and old photos will be on display along with special 100th anniversary merchandise.

For a full list of events, visit myhaliburtonhighlands.com/whats-happening.

Call for back to school photos

Send in a photo of your child/children heading back to school with their name and grade for the chance to have them featured in the *Haliburton Echo* or *Minden Times*. Email photos to thomas@haliburtonpress.com.

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Road safety reminders from Haliburton Bus Lines

Honk, honk! It's that time of year where the children of Haliburton County are getting ready to head off to school. Haliburton Bus Lines is ready to roll. As summer holidays come to an end, here are some back to school road safety tips and a little message on how we all play a part in keeping our children safe.

Starting on Sept. 3, motorists in Haliburton County will encounter buses Monday to Friday mornings between 7 and 9 a.m. and in the afternoons between 3 and 5 p.m.

What do our lights mean to motorists?

When you are approaching or following a school bus and their overhead amber lights are flashing, this means the bus is preparing to stop at a school board designated pick-up/drop-off location. Motorists should exercise caution and keep a safe distance between their vehicle and the bus. When the bus overhead lights turn from amber to red and the stop sign deploys, motorists are required to stop. When the overhead lights are red and the stop sign is deployed, children will be entering the roadway to embark or disembark the school bus.

Haliburton Bus Lines duty to the community

Haliburton Bus Lines is dedicated to ensuring students are provided with safe and reliable transportation. Driver's participate in yearly re-training and certification on

safe road-way practices and student relations as well as regular certification in First Aid and CPR. All drivers are in compliance with MTO licensing regulations which includes rewriting B-License tests every one to five years and regular drivers' medicals every one to five years based on age as well as road testing as required.

Motorists' duty to students

Remain aware of your surroundings at all times while operating your vehicle. Remember that children of all ages will be standing and walking along the roadways and are not always supervised by an adult. Exercise patience and keep a safe distance as buses will be stopping frequently.

Thank you for keeping the future of Haliburton County safe this school year.

Submitted by Haliburton Bus Lines



Advanced tickets needed for Dorset Tower

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Due to the popularity of visiting the Dorset Tower in the fall, advanced tickets

will be needed to visit the tower. Advanced tickets for viewing the fall foliage will be available on Tuesday Sept. 3 on the AH trails website.

This requirement is new this year due to increased demand. Advanced tickets will be

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Answers on page 15

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Pride on the street
Reed Sacharoff, one of many vendors in attendance, offered goods from The Wolf Moon at the Minden Pride Street Festival last Sunday. The Wolf Moon is a local store in Minden located at 15 Newcastle Street. It offers goods made by BIPOC and LGBTQ2S+ businesses made from across North America. /THOMAS SMITH Staff



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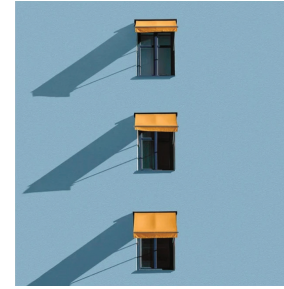
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To view the Terms of Reference for the Recreation Committee please visit the website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Any person having an interest in being appointed to the Recreation Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than Friday, September 20, 2024, to the attention of:

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Rockcliffe sign taken down

The iconic Rockcliffe sign was taken down on Friday Aug. 23. Starting with cleaning up the exterior, the fate of the Rockcliffe remains uncertain. Later on, debris from inside was piled in the driveway. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

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SIRCH Schools Cool

This is a school readiness program to help children ease into the transition of starting JK in September.

These children were born during the “COVID years”, so many had very limited opportunities to socialize outside their immediate family members.

Parents had prioritized reasons for children taking part in the program as socialisation (making friends), separation from parent/guardian and self regulation.

These goals/skills were practised during the six week program using the School’s Cool curriculum, which is designed

to prepare children for the routines of kindergarten in a fun and exciting way. The children also developed their skills in understanding numbers and the early stages of reading and writing.

Many of the children were in the school that they will attend in Sept. and were learning alongside their future kindergarten peers. This will also help to set them up for success when starting school in September.

Parent quotes

“It was something my son looked forward to. The program was great and the instructors were very good and well prepared.”

“I was hoping SC would help her develop social skills, speech and language and separation anxiety. She is willing to learn now and has shown a *huge* change in her behaviour.”

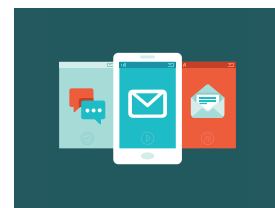
“He looks forward to SC everyday. He now has a positive outlook on going to JK because of the program!”



Submitted A young student graduate from Minden's Schools Cool program. /Submitted

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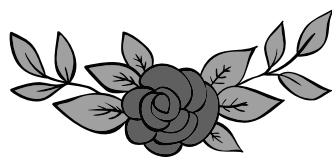


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Lochlin Fun Day a blast

Angelica Blenich Times staff

Eight-year-old Jack Morrison cracks a smile while he gets his face painted during the annual Lochlin Family Fun Day on Aug. 14 held at the community centre. More photos on page 12.

Carol Moffatt runs for reeve

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The speculation is over: Carol Moffatt is running for reeve of Algonquin Highlands township.

Moffatt, who has served as one of the township's two Ward 2 councillors for the past term, announced late last week that she will be seeking the municipality's top political seat in the Oct. 25 municipal election.

"I have taken a long time to make that decision," Moffatt told the *Times* Monday. "I wanted to make sure it was right with me and my family and the community."

She has been polling residents for some time, asking what they

thought of the idea of her running for reeve, and response has been overwhelmingly positive, she said.

"People are saying they want change," Moffatt said.

It was largely the political process involved in advancing the Stanhope Airport expansion project that has pushed her to seek the reeve's chair.

"I've found that process disappointing," she said, adding that she thought council has had franker discussions about landfill hours than it has about the controversial project that would build a second, 1,220-metre runway at the airport.

Moffatt, who has been voting

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Kids' mental health program brings training to county

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Haliburton County was one of four communities recently selected to be a part of a new provincial project titled Working Together for Kids Mental Health.

Officially kicked off on Aug. 17 at the Minden Hills Community Centre, the project will be facili-

tated by Point in Time, a county-wide organization dedicated to children, youth and parents, in conjunction with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the Ministry of Education.

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